

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 418 - SB 483

February 2, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes provisions that allow parties in certain civil cases to elect to employ a retired or former judge to hear the case.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-2-121, parties to a civil case may, for any reason upon joint motion of all parties to the action and with the consent of the appropriate judge, agree to employ a retired or former judge to hear the case. In such cases, compensation for the judge is the responsibility of the litigants, the case is tried without a jury, and the trial may or may not be conducted in a public courtroom.
- The proposed legislation removes the option to litigate cases in this manner entirely.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts has no record of a case ever being tried in this manner; therefore, the removal of this option is not assumed to result in any significant increase in the workload of state or local courts or judges.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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